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UNWOUNDED SONERS TAKEN

Rebel General Op-Any Compromise; at Mexico City Fall of Torreon.

Merico, April 4 .- It here that the rebels force of 4500 men in federal garrison ed out of Torreon

ween the two forces was reported yesterday before, but there new on the subject

A Mexico, April 4.— Vills took Torreon he try prisoners alive and cording to information cording to information. Whether ioday. Whether this ay were executed or that a Velasco, the crippled and commander, succing with practically all lead or disabled could However, it is known e first few miles of his trains, which he abancame to the first place had been removed. is construed in faorts that he got away an Italian army of rebel artillery was re-

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north to attempt to check Villa's victorious march southward. When Villa entered the city only the thirty who were made prisoners remained to tell the tragic story of their defeat. Thursday, when the federal garrison saw that defeat was certain, they threw down their arms and took to flight."

The Italian's account of the number of dead is not relied upon here.

Consul Powers of Parral, who was arrested charged with passing counterfeit money, is still under charges, but is at liberty on parole. Marion Letcher, consul here, demanded that Powers be given an immediate hearing, but Manuel Chao, military governor of the state, has not yet found time to comply owing to the press of other duties in connection with the battle of Torreon.

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Gossip among local strategists as to Villa's future movements is pretty much agreed that, having rested and refitted his army, Villa will proceed simultaneously against Saltillo and Monterey, to the east, and Zacatecas to the south. Assuming success in the exploits, it is thought that the two armies will then reunite, probably at San Luis Potosi, for the campaign against Mexico City. It is assumed that Mazatlan and Tampico will be reduced by the rebel forces already threatening them. Gossip among local strategists as to

Rebel officers here quote General Villa as opposed to any compromise with the enemy if one should be pro-

posed.

"We will be ready to dictate in Mexico City," he is quoted as saying.
"There can be no compromise with the enemy. Madero compromised and his government failed through the treaches of those who did not appreciate." government failed through the treachery of those who did not appreciate him or took advantage of his elemency. This revolution must be the last in Mexico, and it must be thorough and conclusive. This we must accomplish by force of arms, so that in the end there will be no questioning of our orders or our laws."

REBEL SOLDIERS **BURNING BODIES** OF THE FEDERALS

TORREON, Mexico, April 3, via El Paso. Tex. April 4.—This city, from which General Refugio Velasco and most of the uninjjured of his command fled yesterday, was occupied by the rebels in force today and the work of burning the bodies of the dead, clearing

away the wreckage of shell-shattered adobe walls, street barricades and barbed wire entanglements was begun. While Villa took a considerable number of prisoners. Velasco escaped from the Canyon de Huarache with a considerable proportion of his force. He was pursued last night by General Hernandez, who today reported that he had fought a small rear guard engagement with the retreating force, and later General Villa with reinforcements left here to make an attempt to capture or anto make an attempt to capture or annihilate it.

Noncombatants here with whom the

Associated Press correspondent talked today estimated that Velasco's garrison did not number more than 5000 men, of whom 1500 were killed or wounded.

When Velasco fled he left behind in the military hospital 200 wounded. When the rebels entered the place they found only one nurse, Dorothea de la Cruz, in attendance. She said that the other nurses followed the army

when it evacuated the city. Wounded Were Anxious.

The patients were in a high state of anxiety, for they had been told that Villa took no prisoners. They were reassured by H. S. Cunard-Cummine, the British vice consul at Gomez Falacio, who entered the hospital first, climbing over bodies of the wounded who had died there. The air was foul with the odor of dried blood. Speaking in clear, even tones, the British official announced that Villa had assured him that none of the injured would be harmed. none of the injured would be harmed. At this the patients who had the strength raised themselves on their elbows from pallets on the floor and from their cots and cried feebly, "Viva Villa." The nurse was soothing a dy-ing patient who with his last breath joined the cheering and then sank back dead.

Persons who say they were eyewit-nesses declare that Velasco summarily executed three Spaniards whom he ac-cused of firing on his troops. The wife of one of these, Lotero Lopez, attempt-ed to shield her husband and the same bullet killed both.

Foreigners Unharmed.

Three hundred and fifty Spaniards, including women and children, took refuge in a bank building under the protection of American Consul Ulmer, who remained in town throughout the battle. So far the insurgents have shown no disposition to harm those Spaniards who are known to have re-mained neutral. Other foreigners, in-cluding fifty-five Chinese, Syrians and Austrians and 100 Americans, were un-harmed so far as could be learned to-

day.

It was reported that General Velasco was wounded, but this report, like the one that he went insane in the trenches, one that he went insane in the trenches, could not be confirmed, and the impression prevails now that he is still at the head of his troops. Two federal generals were killed and three wounded. It is said here that Velasco's retreat was brought about by his losses in the night assaults made by the robule and indications that his saiding.

els, and indications that his soldiers worn out by the prolonged fighting and fearful of the cruelties which they were told Villa practiced on the wounded and prisoners, were on the verge of

Foes Become Friends.

In the course of the house to house fighting rebels and federals frequently came within talking distance of each other, and in some cases got on such

other, and in some cases got on such friendly terms that they ceased firing entirely. In most of these cases the federals were persuaded to remain when Velasco retreated and will be enrolled under the rebel banner.

At least a fortnight and probably a longer period will be required to reorganize the army before the expected campaign against Saltillo and Monterey can be made.

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Rebel leaders are anxiously awaiting news of the political effect of their victory on Mexico City and Washington.

The federal artillery was superior to that of the rebels, many of whose shots proved defective.

Villa Soul of Battle.

Villa was the very soul of the battle. His spirit animated everything. When things were going wrong he would gal-lop along the battle line encouraging or reprimanding as the individual case re-

reprimanding as the individual case required.

"Well done," he said to the gunner whose shell had fallen true. "Men like you will redeem Mexico," he complimented a wounded man who remained in the firing line.

"What, boy, do you find the dancing floor too rough?" he chided a soldier who on some pretext was making for the resr.

Villa was in his headquarters at Gomez Palacio Thursday night when Torreon fell. Almost up to the hour of the federal flight he could not see the end of the battle, and that very morning had telegraphed for bigger cannon, for it seemed as if his artillery was inadequate to dislodge the enemy from their positions in Huarache.

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trying campaign and who now talk confidently of the taking of the national capital itself.

FALL OF TORREON IS STILL DENIED AT THE CAPITAL

MEXICO CITY, April 4.—The federal government still obstinately denied today the capture of Torreon by the rebels. It was assumed in many quarters, however, that General Huerta and the ministers were not in ignorance of the fate of that eity.

It was suggested that the withholding of the news from the public was based on psychological rather than on military grounds. It was said by various persons that the temperament of the Mexican populace was such that news of a disaster like the fall of Torreon might easily start an avalanche of public opinion against the administration which would find itself embarrassed at a critical moment.

The taking of Torreon gives the constitutionalists control of nearly half the republic, with the exception of the cities of Saltillo and Montercy, the capitals of the states of Coahuila and Nuevo Leon.

Military men regard the retreat of

Nuevo Leon.

Military men regard the retreat of
General Velasco from Torreon as a dangerous undertaking and they consider
the position of General Javier de Moure
and General Joaquin Mass at San Pedro as precarious.

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So far as known here the federal troops still have possession of the rail-road between Torreon and Saltillo, at which place connections can be made with the south.

Infested With Rebels.

ing had telegraphed for bigger cannon, for it seemed as if his artillery was inadequate to dislodge the enemy from their positions in Huarache.

Message to Public.

His black, thick hair was mussed and standing straight up for the most part and a six-day stubble of heard was on his face. News of the evacuation had reached him and he smiled, fairly purring his answers to questions put by newspaper men.

"Tell the public that after eleven days' fighting the federals evacuated Torreon, leaving their dead and wounded & Stories are told here of insults to the American flag perpetrated by federals who were enraged by rumors that a large number of Americans were in Villa's army. As a matter of fact there were but nine in it. None of them was killed or wounded.

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Dr. A. N. Carr, an American resident of Torreon, was the only physician on duty when the rebels took the town. He transferred his services to Villa and the latter instructed him to continue his work in the hospital.

The formal entry into the city was without ceremony. The victory has greatly raised the spirits of the solution of th

der General Pantilo Natera and will probably suffer from fianking attacks by rebel troops from Durango.

Military men not intimately connected with the federal administration express the opinion today that General Velasco's retreat will resolve itself into an effort of each man for himself. They say that the next move of the rebels will be to start campaigns against Saltillo and Monterey and possibly subsidiary expeditions against Zacatecas, lying directly south of Torreon.

At the same time the rebel task of

cut to pieces northwest of San Laus The federal generals, Moure and Hi-

dalgo, are said to have twenty or thirty field guns and a large supply of ammu-

General Hidalgo is believed to be at Saltillo and he intends to join Moure east of Torreon. If the rebel troops captured all the guns which were in possession of Gen-

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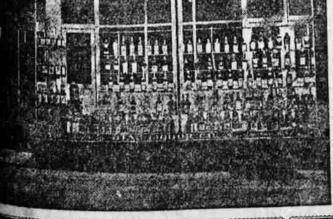
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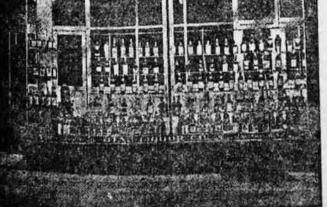
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